

Legislative Interim Committee
on Federal Lands

Chairman Senator Chuck Winder & Representative Lawrence Denney

Thank you for holding this meeting for citizens input

Today federal ownership of lands in Idaho is ruining our economy. It is proven that Idaho makes money from forest lands being managed by Idaho Dept. Of Lands. Lands being managed by federal government loses money. Our federal system is broken. Our federal lands in Idaho are not healthy and every year are being devastated by costly fires.

While this continues to go on, there is less logging, grazing and recreation and at the same time more lands are being locked up.

We cannot afford NOT TO have our Idaho federal lands transferred back to our state. By having these lands we would be able to support our schools and run our county governments without getting monies ~~from~~^{from} the feds. So we would not have ~~to~~^{to} dance to the feds tune and their control over our lives.

Our economy would grow and put people back to work. So our state and counties would receive more tax monies from these taxes being paid by business and the workers.

Taking back our federal lands could only be a win win situation for Idaho.

Thank you for your time this morning

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